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Examiner : H. Pratt  
Applicants : John F. Stevens et al.  
Appln. No. : 09/960,191  
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Confirmation No. : 4580  
For : **RETICULATION-FREE WATER-DISPERSIBLE COATING  
COMPOSITION FOR FOOD SUBSTRATES**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Also submitted with this Response is the Declaration of John F. Stevens with Exhibits 1-2, a Request for Continued Examination, and a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136(a).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.